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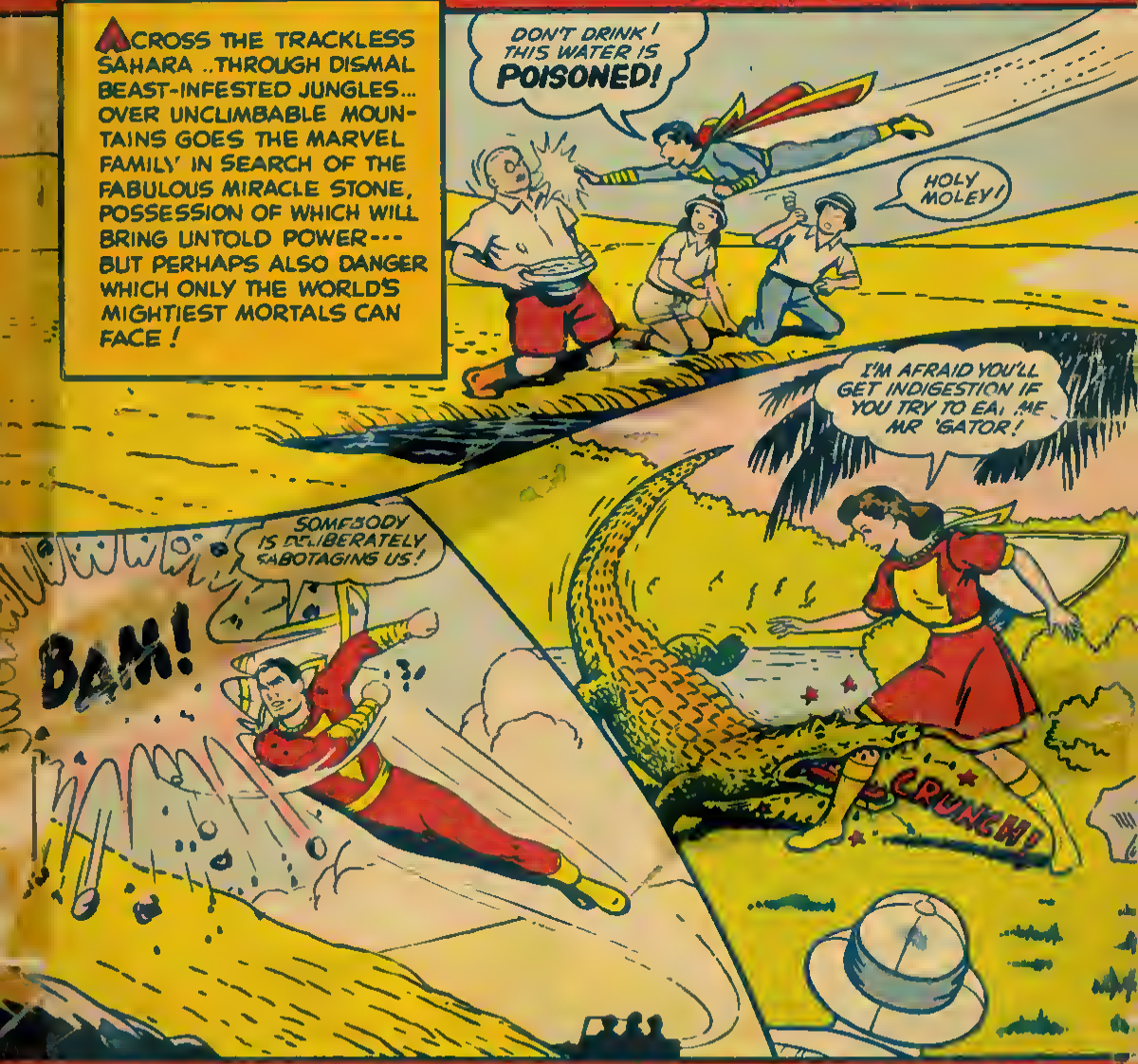

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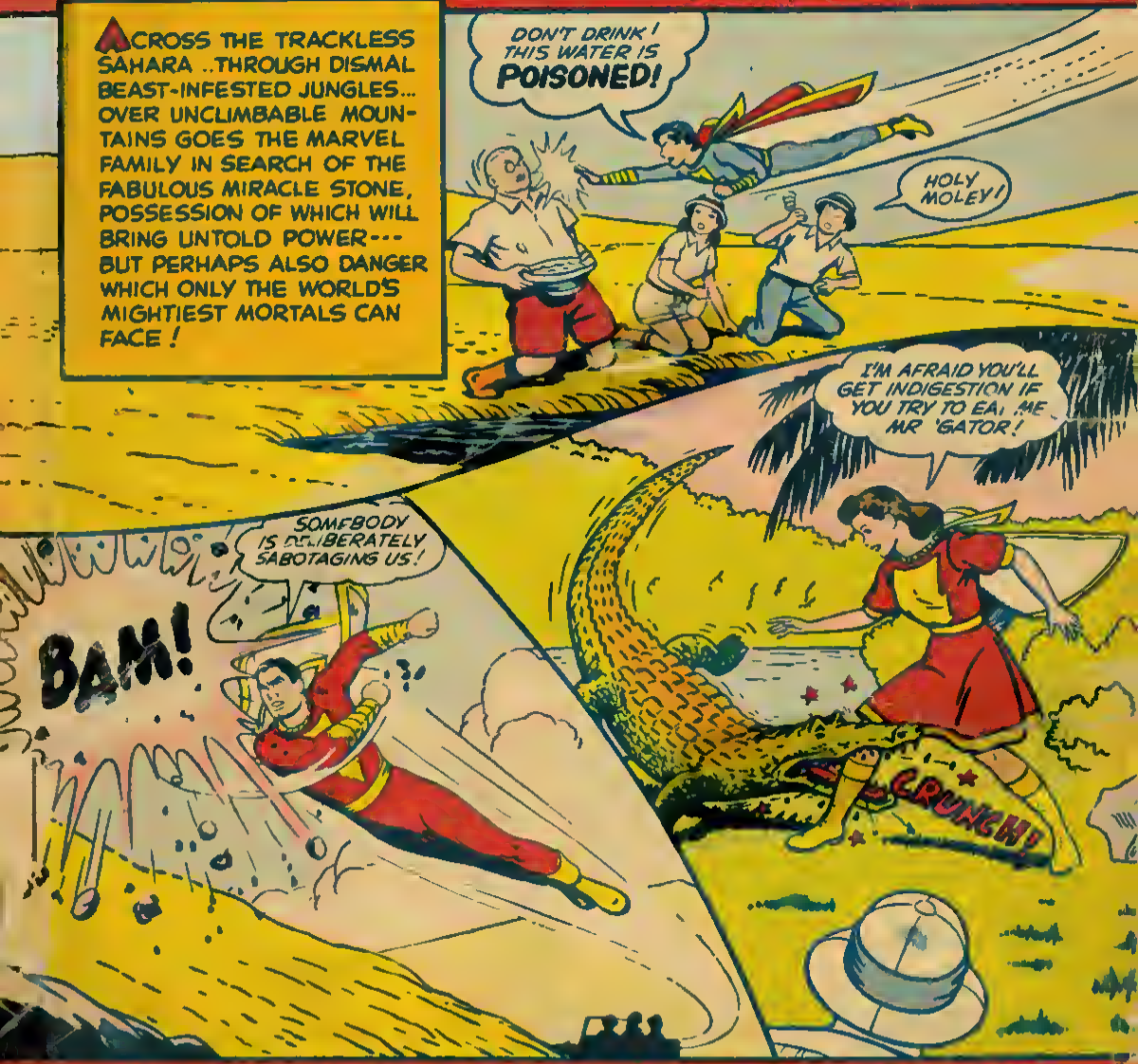

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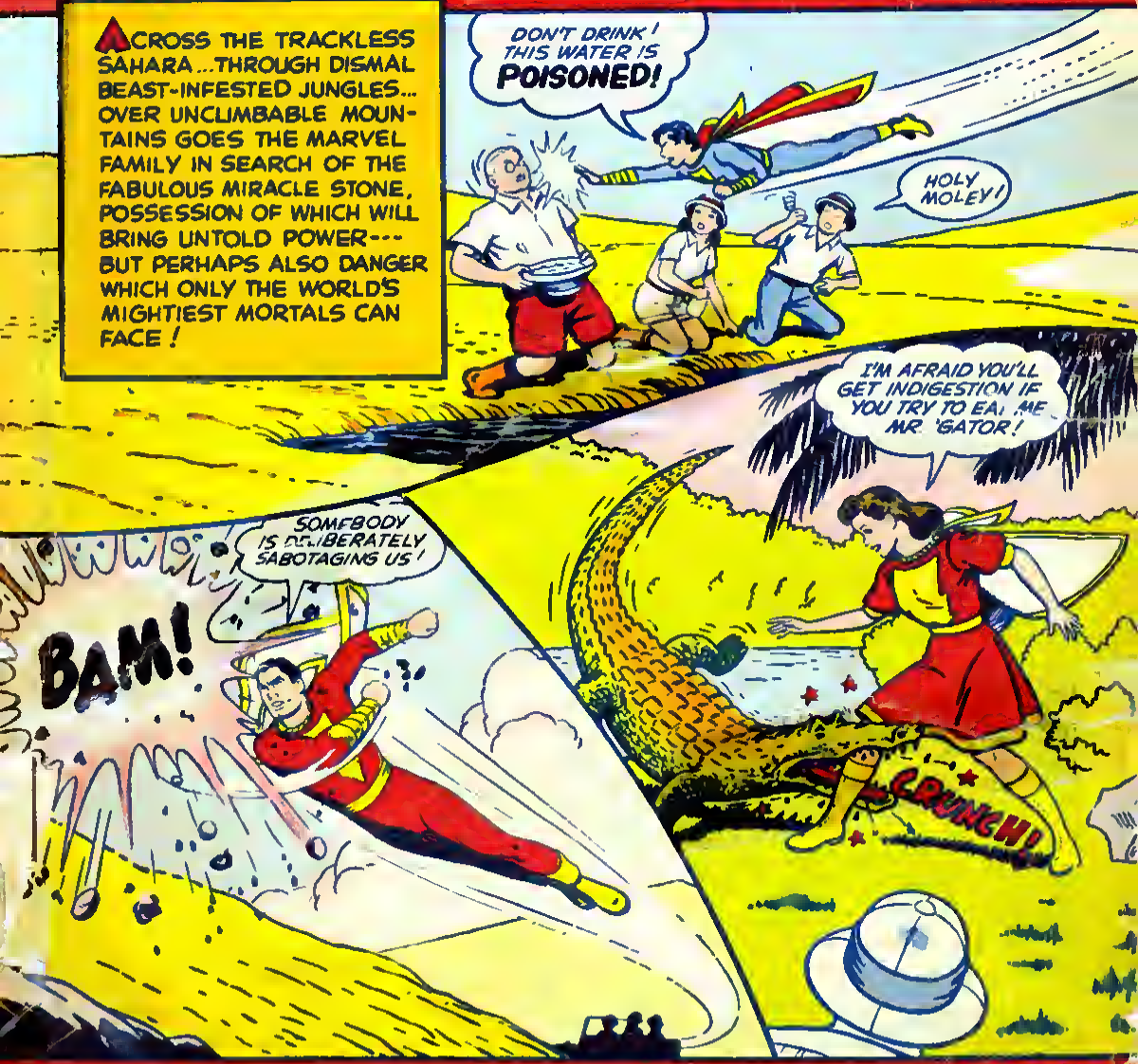

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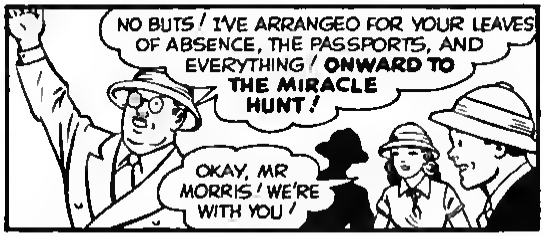
NO, I MEAN **REAL** MIRACLES ! WONDERFUL THINGS THAT HAPPEN BY SHEER MAGIC ! COME INTO THE LIBRARY !

LOOK ! THIS RARE OLD BOOK TELLS OF A REMARKABLE **MIRACLE STONE** THAT EXISTS SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA ! THERE'S EVEN A MAP !

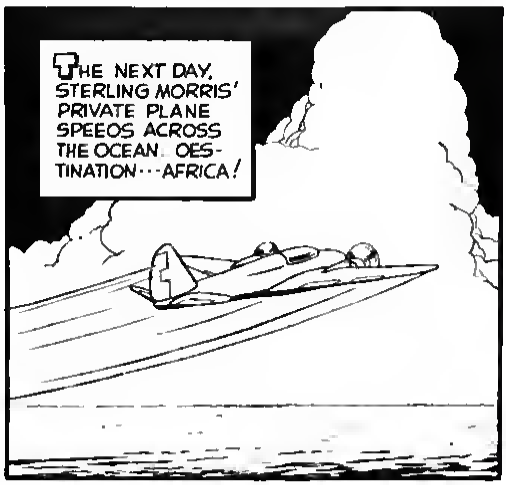
LAND OF UBUWUNG
MTS
Miracle Stone
DESERT
JUNGLE

I'M GOING TO FIND THAT MIRACLE STONE ! HOW DO I LOOK IN A SUN HELMET ?
BUT, MR MORRIS ! MAYBE THIS MAP IS A **FAKE** !

OH BOSH ! WHERE'S YOUR SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE ? I'VE EVEN DECIDED TO TAKE YOU YOUNGSTERS ALONG ON THE HUNT ! HERE, TRY THESE ON !
HOLY MOLEY !
BUT--- BUT--- !

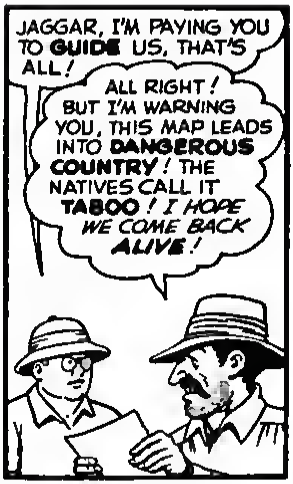

NO BUTS ! I'VE ARRANGED FOR YOUR LEAVES OF ABSENCE, THE PASSPORTS, AND EVERYTHING ! **ONWARD TO THE MIRACLE HUNT !**
OKAY, MR MORRIS ! WE'RE WITH YOU !

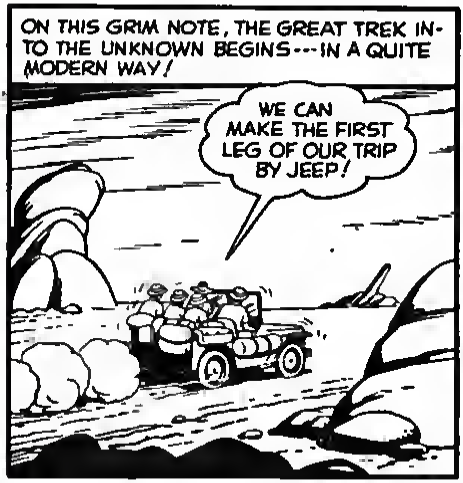
MR MORRIS WOULD BE TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED IF WE REFUSED ! ANYWAY, IT'LL BE A THRILLING TRIP EVEN IF WE FIND NOTHING ! AND IF THERE'S DANGER, WE CAN HELP HIM IN A **SPECIAL** WAY ! SO WE'LL GO !
RIGHT, BILLY !

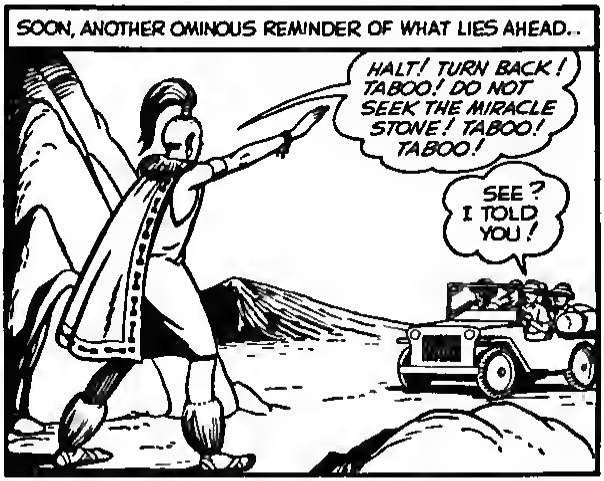

THE NEXT DAY, STERLING MORRIS' PRIVATE PLANE SPEEDS ACROSS THE OCEAN. DESTINATION---AFRICA !

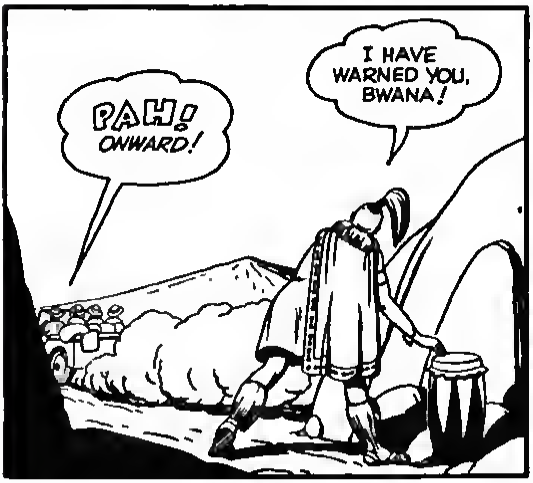
WE'LL LAND AT KABINDA, WHERE I'VE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR A GUIDE TO LEAD OUR SAFARI INTO THE WILDS! WE HAVE TO CROSS DESERT, WILD WASTELAND, AND JUNGLE! AH! THIS BRINGS OUT THE HE-MAN IN ME!

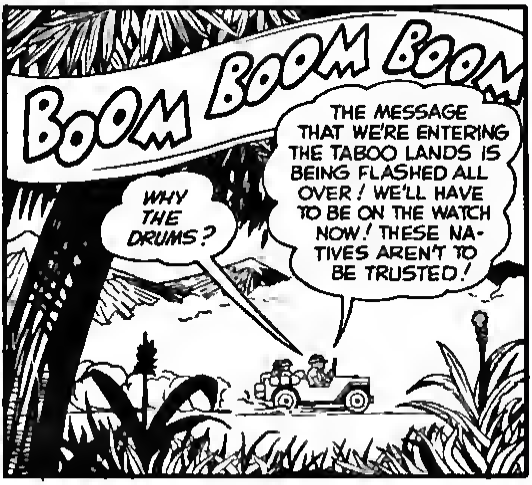
KIDS, MEET JED JAGGAR, OUR GUIDE! HE KNOWS AFRICA LIKE A BOOK! HE'LL LEAD US TO THE MIRACLE STONE!
MIRACLE STONE? ARE YOU FOLLOWING UP THAT CRAZY LEGEND?


JAGGAR, I'M PAYING YOU TO GUIDE US, THAT'S ALL!
ALL RIGHT! BUT I'M WARNING YOU, THIS MAP LEADS INTO DANGEROUS COUNTRY! THE NATIVES CALL IT TABOO! I HOPE WE COME BACK ALIVE!


ON THIS GRIM NOTE, THE GREAT TREK INTO THE UNKNOWN BEGINS---IN A QUITE MODERN WAY!
WE CAN MAKE THE FIRST LEG OF OUR TRIP BY JEEP!


SOON, ANOTHER OMINOUS REMINDER OF WHAT LIES AHEAD..
HALT! TURN BACK! TABOO! DO NOT SEEK THE MIRACLE STONE! TABOO! TABOO!
SEE? I TOLD YOU!


PAH! ONWARD!
I HAVE WARNED YOU, BWANA!

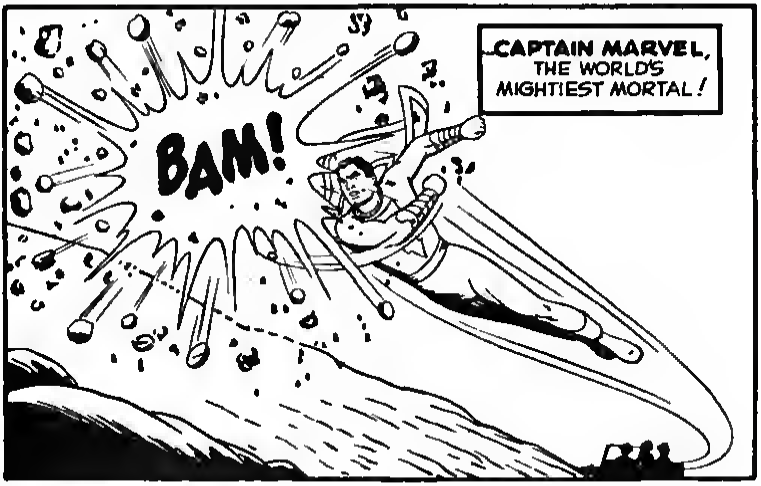

BOOM BOOM BOOM
WHY THE DRUMS?
THE MESSAGE THAT WE'RE ENTERING THE TABOO LANDS IS BEING FLASHED ALL OVER! WE'LL HAVE TO BE ON THE WATCH NOW! THESE NATIVES AREN'T TO BE TRUSTED!

LATER
I'VE LOST THE TRAIL! I'LL CLIMB THIS HILL AND LOOK AROUND!

SUDDENLY, DISASTER STRIKES!
RUMBLE
GREAT HEAVENS!

THIS IS THE MAIN REASON WE CAME ALONG -- SO THE MARVEL FAMILY COULD HELP MR MORRIS!
YES. BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR ALL OF US TO CHANGE --- I'LL HANDLE THIS ALONE!
SHAZAM!

IN ANSWER TO THE MYSTIC NAME, MAGIC LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN AND BILLY BATSON IS CHANGED INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF..
BOOM!


CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
BAM!

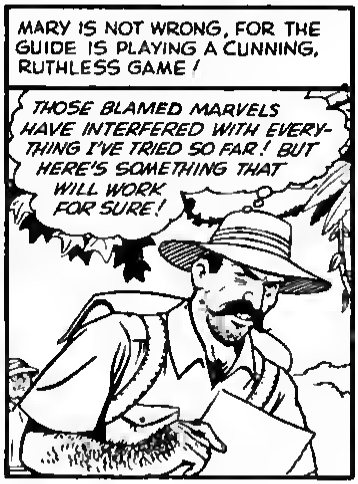
WAS THAT AN ACCIDENT, OR DID THE NATIVES SHOVE THAT STONE DOWN AT US?

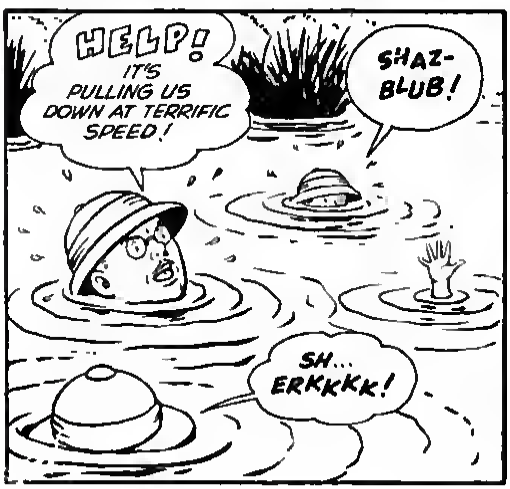
SOME NATIVES DID IT! I SAW THEM! BUT THEY GOT AWAY!
HMM! I'LL SAY THIS IS A DANGEROUS JOURNEY!

BUT, CAPTAIN MARVEL, WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
ER... I CAN'T EXPLAIN RIGHT NOW, JAGGAR!

THE SAFARI GOES ON, FOLLOWED BY THE RELENTLESS BEATING OF NATIVE DRUMS SENDING NEWS OF THEIR COMING INTO THE UNKNOWN LANDS AHEAD!
BOOM BOOM
LATER.
THE JEEP WOULD BOG DOWN IN THIS SAND! THOSE DESERT NATIVES CHARGED PLENTY FOR THESE CAMELS, BUT THEY'RE WORTH IT!
OHHHH! DO THESE CAMELS HAVE TO SWAY LIKE THIS?
THE NEXT DAY, A BURNING SUN ADDS THE TORTURES OF THIRST!
GAD! HOW MY THROAT BURNS! WE NEED MORE WATER!
THERE SHOULD BE A WATER-HOLE AHEAD! I'LL SCOUT FOR IT!
WATERHOLE-- THIS WAY!
WATER! OH BOY! GIDDYAP, MY GOOD SHIP OF THE DESERT! FASTER!
I'M GOING TO DRINK FIVE GALLONS!
ME TOO!
OOPS!
HOLY MOLEY! THIS WARNING SIGN WAS TORN DOWN AND BURIED HERE IN THE SAND!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WARNING!
POISONED WATER!
WHEN FREDDY FREEMAN SPEAKS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, MAGIC LIGHTNING CHANGES HIM INTO...
BOOM!

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
STOP!
DON'T DRINK! THIS WATER IS POISONED!
HOLY MOLEY!
LISTEN! THE DRUMS! THE NATIVES WERE HERE AHEAD OF US AND HID THIS SIGN SO WE'D DIE OF POISON! IT'S LUCKY YOU SAVED US!
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
WARNING
BUT BEFORE CAPTAIN MARVEL JR CHANGES BACK TO FREDDY FREEMAN, A PUZZLING THOUGHT COMES INTO HIS MIND!
JED JAGGAR DIDN'T RUSH TO DRINK HIMSELF! AND WHY WOULDN'T A GUIDE KNOW OF ALL POISONED WATERHOLES, SIGN OR ND SIGN? OH WELL, I SUPPOSE THE POISONING HAPPENED SINCE HE WAS LAST HERE!
THE FINAL STAGE OF THE JOURNEY IS THROUGH A STEAMY, TANGLED JUNGLE!
GUIDE, ARE THERE ANY DANGEROUS ANIMALS?
YES, SOME!
BUT THE JUNGLE ALSO HOLDS BEAUTY! LOOK!
WHAT A GORGEOUS BIRD!
BUT IT IS ONLY MARY BATSON WHO HEARS A SLITHERING SOUND BEHIND THEM AND...
EEK! SHAZAM!
ONCE MORE MAGIC LIGHTNING ECHOES THUNDEROUSLY, AND MARY BATSON IS CHANGED INTO THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE MARVEL FAMILY...
BOOM!





HAS THE HEARTLESS GUIDE WON OUT? WILL HE GO ON TO FIND THE AMAZING MIRACLE STONE? ARE MR MORRIS AND THE THREE YOUNGSTERS UTTERLY DOOMED? *READ CHAPTER TWO --- **THE MAD MIRACLES!***

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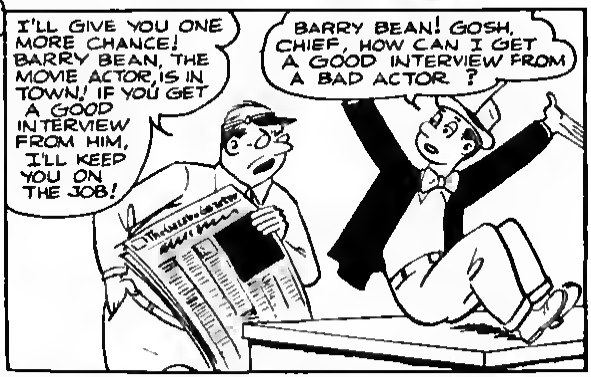
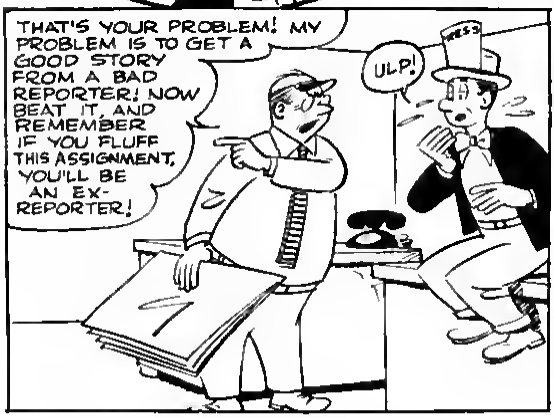
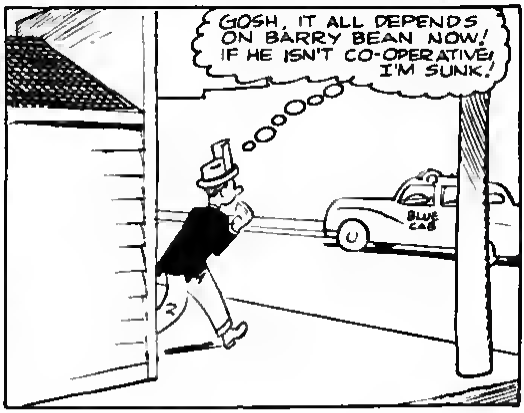
HEADLINE HARRY

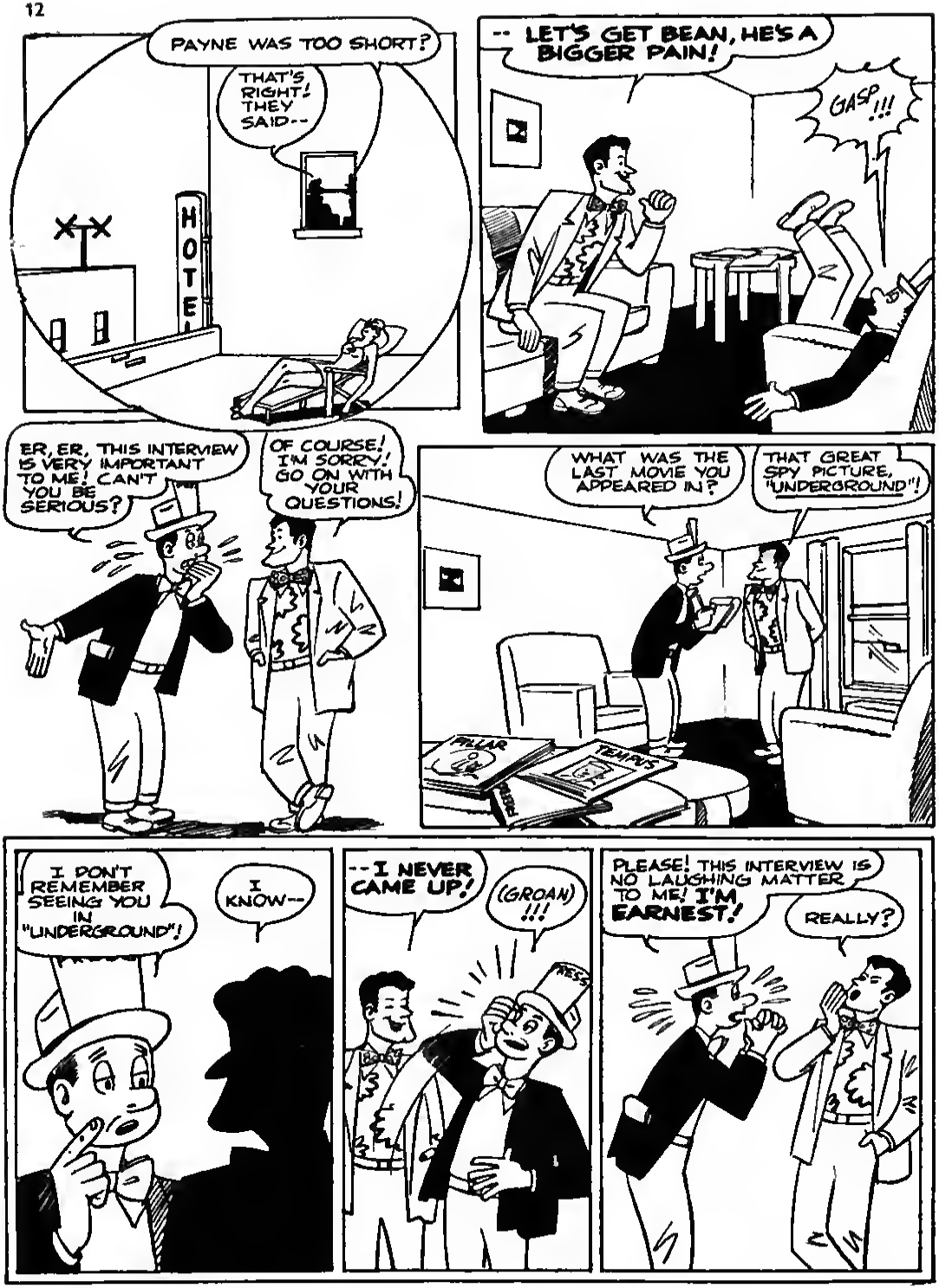
"THE CINEMA SCOOP!"

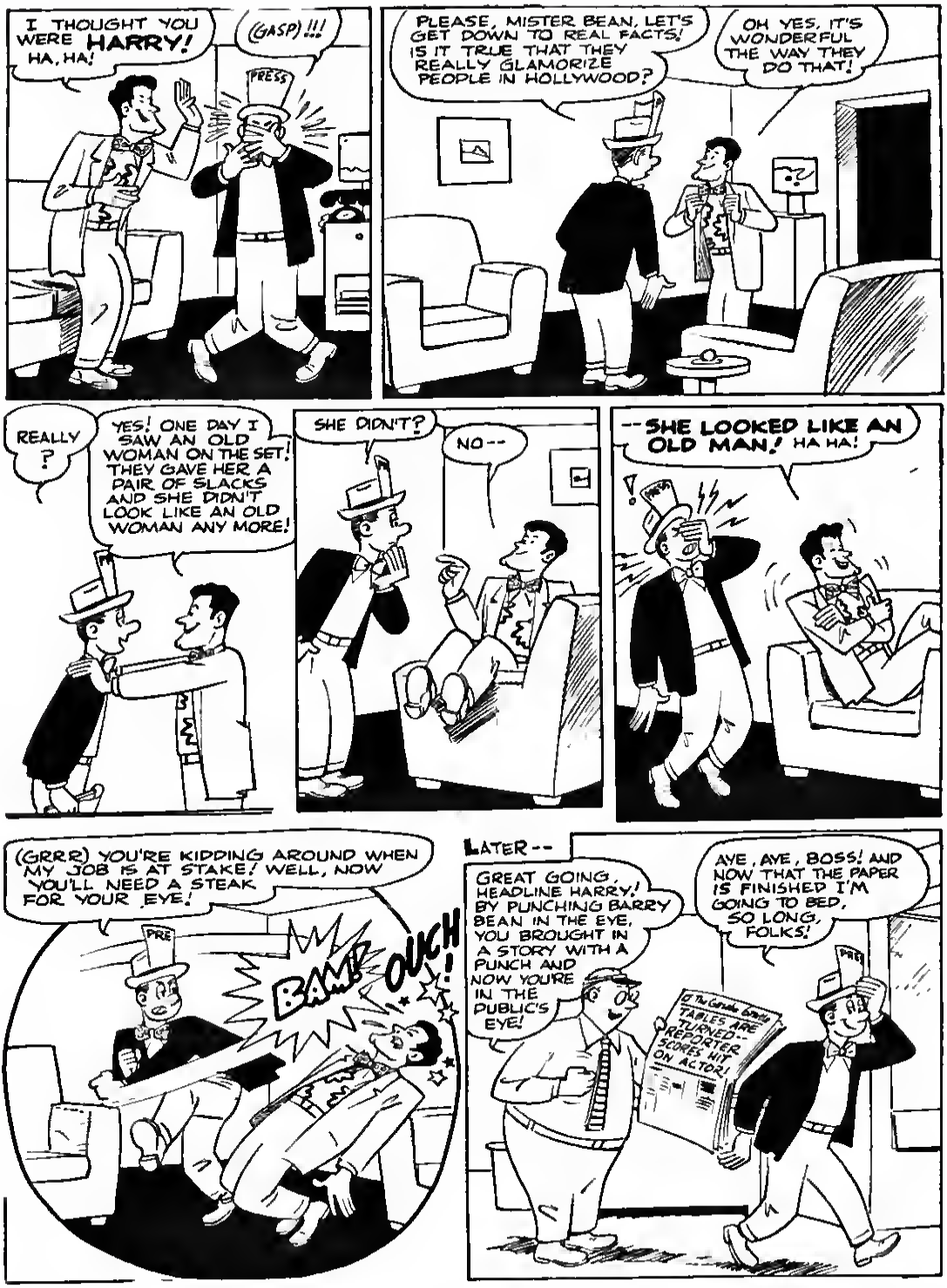






SHORTLY AFTER--
HOW DO YOU DO, MISTER BEAN! I'M HEADLINE HARRY! I'D LIKE TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR "THE GAZABO GAZETTE."
(GROAN) ANOTHER REPORTER! I'M FED UP WITH THESE PESTS BOTHERING ME ALL THE TIME!
I'LL GET RID OF HIM! I'LL TELL HIM SUCH RIDICULOUS THINGS HE'LL GET DISGUSTED AND LEAVE!
A REPORTER? I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO SEE YOU! SIT DOWN! MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE!
OH BOY, BEAN IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC! I'LL GET A GREAT YARN FROM HIM!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?
IS IT TRUE YOU'RE GOING TO BE STARRED IN A NEW PICTURE?
YES, IT'S TRUE! THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A MOVIE CALLED "THE BARRY BEAN STORY" STARRING LASSIE!
HUH? WHY LASSIE?
WELL, MINE HAS BEEN A DOG'S LIFE!
!!!
HEY, HEY, THAT'S VERY FUNNY! ER, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BE IN THIS PICTURE?
YES! AT FIRST THEY WERE GOING TO USE JOHN PAYNE, BUT HE WAS TOO SHORT FOR THE PART!


PAYNE WAS TOO SHORT?
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY SAID--
HOTEL
-- LET'S GET BEAN, HE'S A BIGGER PAIN!
GASP!!!
ER, ER, THIS INTERVIEW IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME! CAN'T YOU BE SERIOUS?
OF COURSE! I'M SORRY! GO ON WITH YOUR QUESTIONS!
WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU APPEARED IN?
THAT GREAT SPY PICTURE, "UNDERGROUND"!
PILLAR
TEMPO'S
I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING YOU IN "UNDERGROUND"!
I KNOW--
--I NEVER CAME UP!
(GROAN) !!!
PLEASE! THIS INTERVIEW IS NO LAUGHING MATTER TO ME! I'M EARNEST!
REALLY?


I THOUGHT YOU WERE HARRY! HA, HA!
(GASP) !!!
PRESS
PLEASE, MISTER BEAN, LET'S GET DOWN TO REAL FACTS! IS IT TRUE THAT THEY REALLY GLAMORIZE PEOPLE IN HOLLYWOOD?
OH YES, IT'S WONDERFUL THE WAY THEY DO THAT!
REALLY ?
YES! ONE DAY I SAW AN OLD WOMAN ON THE SET! THEY GAVE HER A PAIR OF SLACKS AND SHE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE AN OLD WOMAN ANY MORE!
SHE DIDN'T?
NO--
--SHE LOOKED LIKE AN OLD MAN! HA HA!
(GRRR) YOU'RE KIDDING AROUND WHEN MY JOB IS AT STAKE! WELL, NOW YOU'LL NEED A STEAK FOR YOUR EYE!
PRE
BAM!
OUCH!
LATER--
GREAT GOING, HEADLINE HARRY! BY PUNCHING BARRY BEAN IN THE EYE, YOU BROUGHT IN A STORY WITH A PUNCH AND NOW YOU'RE IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE!
TABLES ARE TURNED-- REPORTER SCORES HIT ON ACTOR!
AYE, AYE, BOSS! AND NOW THAT THE PAPER IS FINISHED I'M GOING TO BED, SO LONG, FOLKS!
PRE

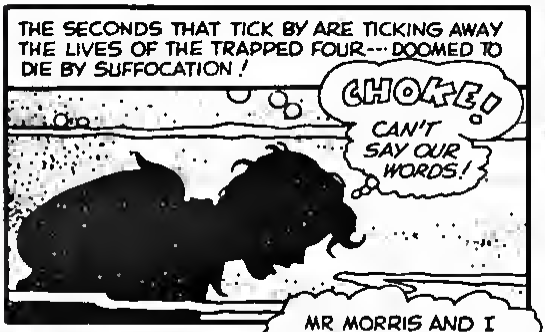
THE MARVEL FAMILY —and— THE MIRACLE STONE

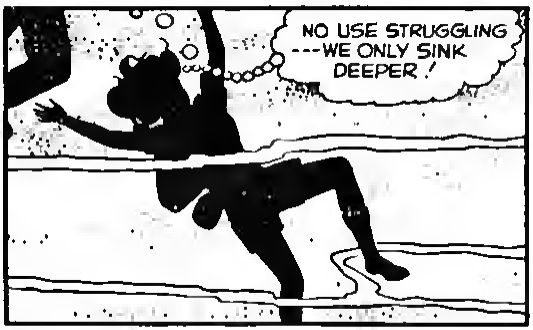
CHAPTER TWO

THE MAD MIRACLES

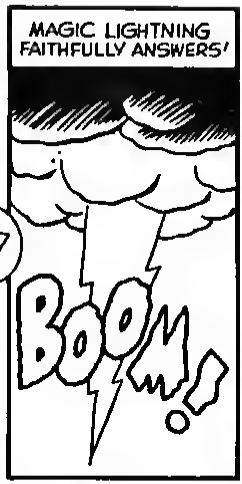
SILENCE ONCE MORE REIGNS IN THE JUNGLE SWAMP!

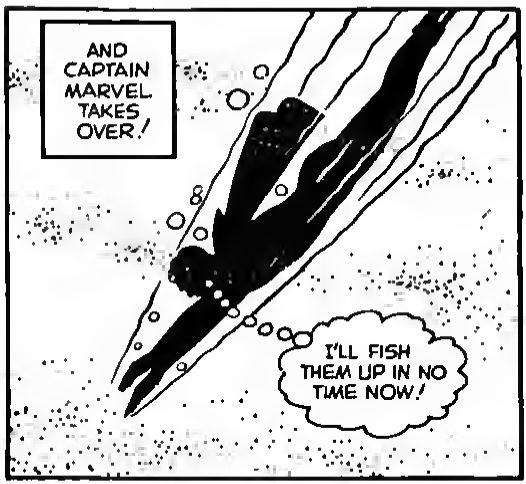
THE SUCKING HORROR HAS DONE ITS DEADLY WORK, BURYING STERLING MORRIS, BILLY AND MARY BATSON, AND FREDDY FREEMAN FROM SIGHT!



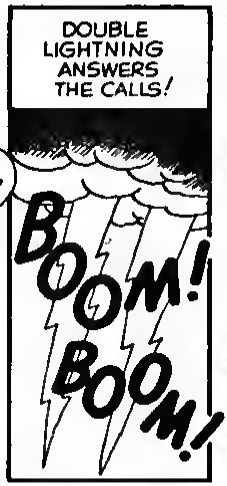


AH! BY STANDING ON MR MORRIS'S SHOULDERS, I CAN GET MY HEAD ABOVE THE SURFACE!
SHAZAM!

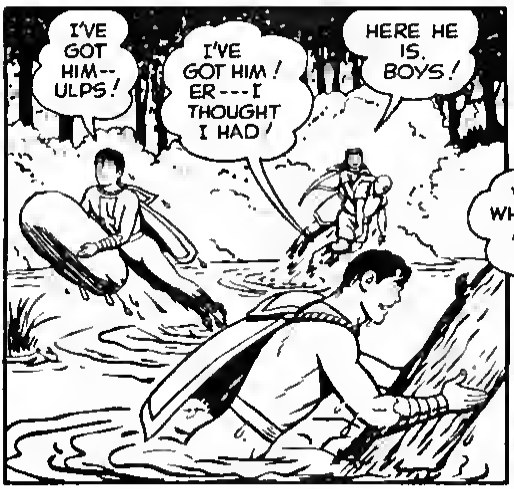

MAGIC LIGHTNING FAITHFULLY ANSWERS!
BOOM!


AND CAPTAIN MARVEL TAKES OVER!
I'LL FISH THEM UP IN NO TIME NOW!

MR MORRIS MUST HAVE BEEN SHOVED DEEP BY BILLY! I COULDN'T FIND HIM! HURRY, KIDS --- SAY YOUR WORDS!
GASP. SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

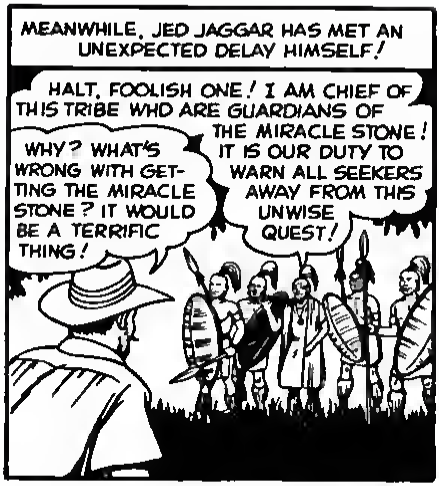

DOUBLE LIGHTNING ANSWERS THE CALLS!
BOOM! BOOM!

SEARCH ALL OVER! MR MORRIS WILL BE DONE FOR IF WE DON'T RUSH HIM UP SOON!
SPLOOP


I'VE GOT HIM-- ULPS!
I'VE GOT HIM! ER---I THOUGHT I HAD!
HERE HE IS, BOYS!

WH-WHERE AM I?
MR MORRIS IS A LITTLE DIZZY, BUT OTHERWISE OKAY! COME ON, WE'VE ANOTHER JOB TO DO!

JED JAGGAR TURNED OUT TO BE A GREEDY CROOK! HE WANTS THE MIRACLE STONE FOR HIMSELF!
AND HE'S GOT THE MAP! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM! WHICH WAY DID HE GO?


MEANWHILE, JED JAGGAR HAS MET AN UNEXPECTED DELAY HIMSELF!
HALT, FOOLISH ONE! I AM CHIEF OF THIS TRIBE WHO ARE GUARDIANS OF THE MIRACLE STONE! IT IS OUR DUTY TO WARN ALL SEEKERS AWAY FROM THIS UNWISE QUEST!
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH GETTING THE MIRACLE STONE? IT WOULD BE A TERRIFIC THING!

THINK WELL BEFORE YOU GO ON! THE POWER TO WORK MIRACLES IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS TO YOU! TURN BACK BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! TURN BACK!

OH RUBBISH! I CAN'T LISTEN TO THAT HOGWASH ALL DAY! LET ME THROUGH!
THEN GO! WE CANNOT STOP YOU IF YOU INSIST! BUT YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

MEANWHILE, MR. MORRIS HAS RECOVERED, AND..
I CAN REMEMBER THE REST OF THE MAP MYSELF! I'LL GET THE MIRACLE STONE FIRST!

HERE IT IS! THE MIRACLE CAVE!

THE MIRACLE STONE! I'VE GOT IT!

CAN IT REALLY WORK MIRACLES? CAN I JUST WISH FOR ANYTHING TO HAPPEN AND MAKE IT COME TRUE? WELL, I'LL SOON FIND OUT! I'LL TRY MY FIRST MIRACLE! LET'S SEE.... WHAT SHALL IT BE?

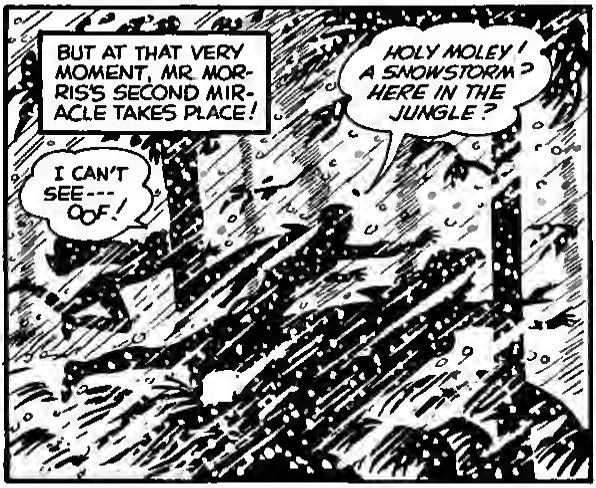
I KNOW! MIRACLE STONE, MAKE GOLD POUR DOWN AROUND ME FROM THE SKY! LOTS OF GOLD!
AT THE COMMAND, A STRANGE DAZZLE LEAPS FROM THE MIRACLE STONE, AND...

GOLD! IT WORKS! YAYYYYYY! I CAN WORK MIRACLES! YIPEEEE!

ULPS! I'LL BE BURIED ALIVE IN A MINUTE! STOP! MIRACLE STONE, STOP THE GOLD!

THAT WAS JUST AN ORDINARY MIRACLE! HOW ABOUT SOMETHING REALLY AMAZING? MIRACLE STONE, MAKE IT SNOW, HERE IN THE HOT JUNGLE. FOR ONE MINUTE!

MEANWHILE, THE MARVEL FAMILY HAS CAUGHT UP WITH JED JAGGAR!
NO USE RUNNING, YOU CROOK! NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU BUT A MIRACLE!


BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, MR. MORRIS'S SECOND MIRACLE TAKES PLACE!
HOLY MOLEY! A SNOWSTORM? HERE IN THE JUNGLE?
I CAN'T SEE--- OOF!

A MIRACLE DID SAVE ME! BUT THIS MEANS MORRIS HAS FOUND THE MIRACLE STONE! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM AND TAKE IT AWAY!

THE SNOW STOPPED, BUT JED JAGGAR GOT AWAY COMPLETELY! WAS THIS A MIRACLE PERFORMED BY THE MIRACLE STONE? DID MR MORRIS FIND IT? COME ON!

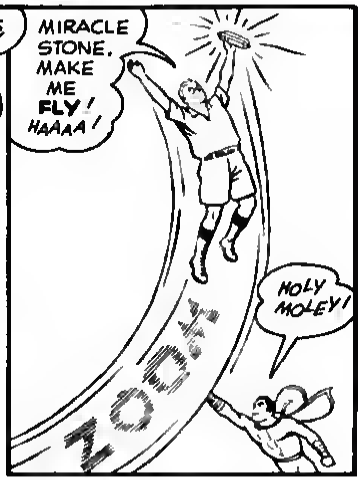
MEANWHILE, MR MORRIS EXULTANTLY PERFORMS MORE MIRACLES!
MIRACLE STONE, MAKE THE TREES COME ALIVE AND DANCE AROUND! HA HA HA! I CAN DO ANYTHING!
RIP!

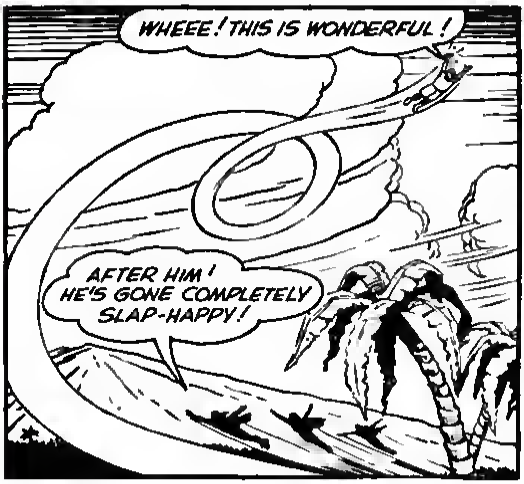
HOLY MOLEY! MOVING TREES! THAT NATIVE WILL BE CRUSHED.
EEK!

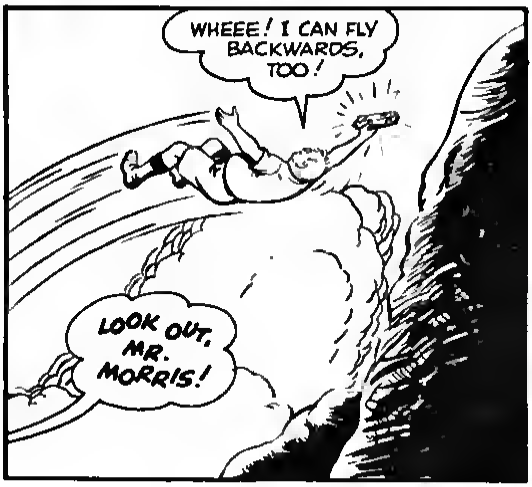
ANOTHER CRAZY MIRACLE BY MR MORRIS, NO DOUBT!
BOP!
AND THEY GET CRAZIER BY THE MINUTE! HE MADE THOSE LIONS TALK --- IN FRENCH!
PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?
OUI!

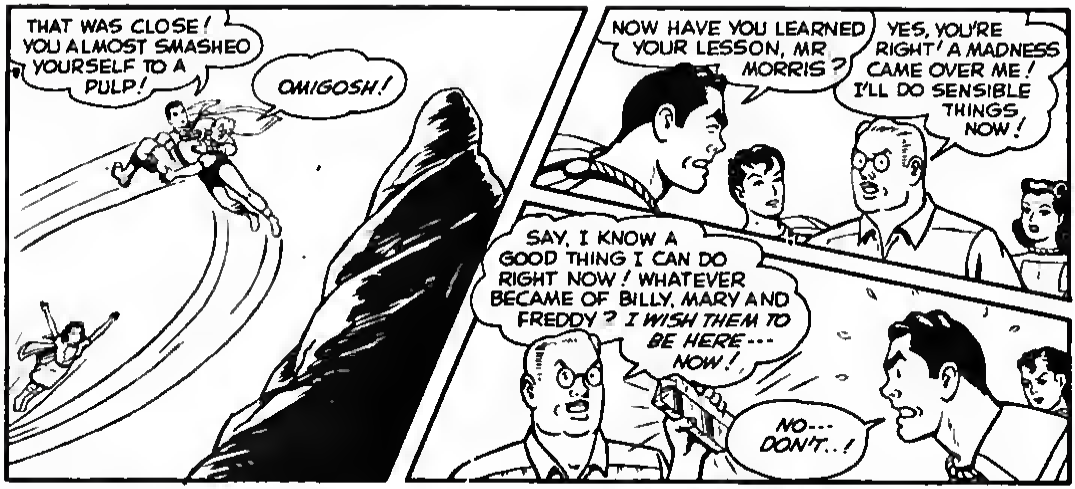
HA HAAAAA! LET THE SKY BE STRIPED! HAAAA!
THERE'S MR MORRIS! HE'S GONE MAD! INSTEAD OF GOLD FEVER, HE HAS MIRACLE FEVER!

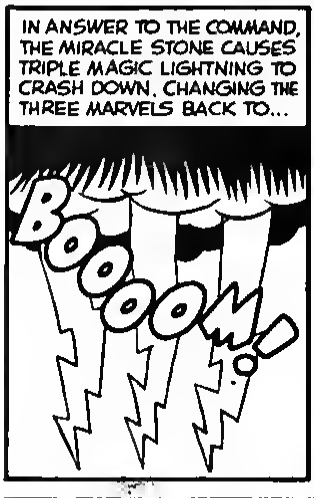
STOP THESE MAD MIRACLES, MR MORRIS! YOU'RE MAKING A MESS OF THINGS! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE MIRACLE STONE AWAY FROM YOU!
WILL YOU? BAH! I CAN ESCAPE YOU EASILY!


MIRACLE STONE, MAKE ME FLY! HAAAA!
HOLY MOLEY!


WHEEE! THIS IS WONDERFUL!
AFTER HIM! HE'S GONE COMPLETELY SLAP-HAPPY!


WHEEE! I CAN FLY BACKWARDS, TOO!
LOOK OUT, MR. MORRIS!


THAT WAS CLOSE! YOU ALMOST SMASHED YOURSELF TO A PULP!
OMIGOSH!
NOW HAVE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON, MR MORRIS?
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT! A MADNESS CAME OVER ME! I'LL DO SENSIBLE THINGS NOW!
SAY, I KNOW A GOOD THING I CAN DO RIGHT NOW! WHATEVER BECAME OF BILLY, MARY AND FREDDY? I WISH THEM TO BE HERE--- NOW!
NO--- DON'T..!


IN ANSWER TO THE COMMAND, THE MIRACLE STONE CAUSES TRIPLE MAGIC LIGHTNING TO CRASH DOWN, CHANGING THE THREE MARVELS BACK TO...
BOOOOM!

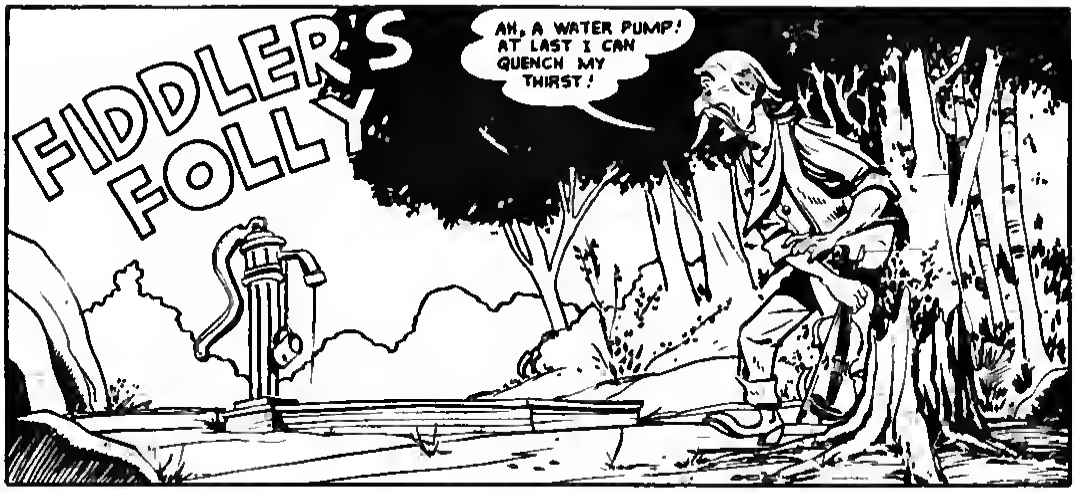
...THE THREE YOUNGSTERS!
HELLO, KIDS! LOOK, I'VE GOT THE MIRACLE STONE!

BUT JED JAGGAR HAS SECRETLY FOLLOWED!
YOU MEAN YOU HAD IT, BOOB! I'LL TAKE IT NOW!

NOW I'LL FIX YOU ALL---WITH A MIRACLE! MIRACLE STONE--- TURN THEM ALL INTO SOLID STONE!

BEFORE THE DAZED YOUNGSTERS CAN SPEAK THEIR SAVING WORDS, THE DREAD MIRACLE OVERCOMES THEM!

THEY'LL STAY THAT WAY FOREVER! NOW I CAN USE THE MIRACLE STONE FOR MY GREAT PLAN! HAHHHHHH!
THE THREE YOUNGSTERS ARE IN A MOST HIDEOUS TRAP! HOW CAN THEIR STONE LIPS EVER UTTER THE MAGIC WORDS AGAIN? AND WHAT WILL RUTHLESS JED JAGGAR DO WITH THE MIGHTY MIRACLE STONE? READ CHAPTER THREE--THE MIRACLE OF THE MARVELS!


FIDDLER'S FOLLY
AH, A WATER PUMP! AT LAST I CAN QUENCH MY THIRST!

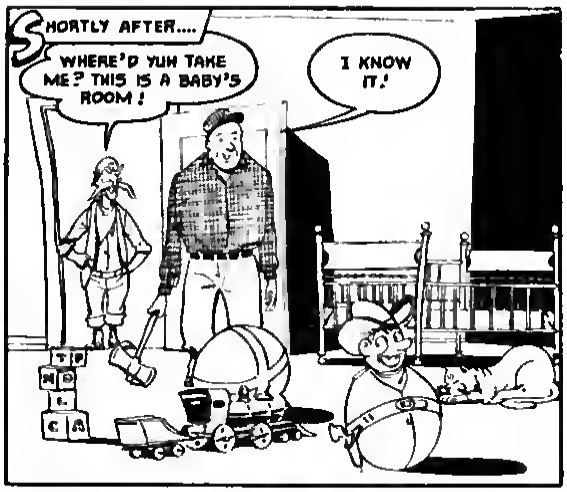
GAL-DANG IT! ONCE AGAIN I'VE BEEN FIRED AS A LUMBERJACK BECAUSE MUH AIM ISN'T GOOD! WHAT I NEED IS PRACTICE---

---AND THAT TREE STUMP LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING GOOD TO PRACTICE ON!

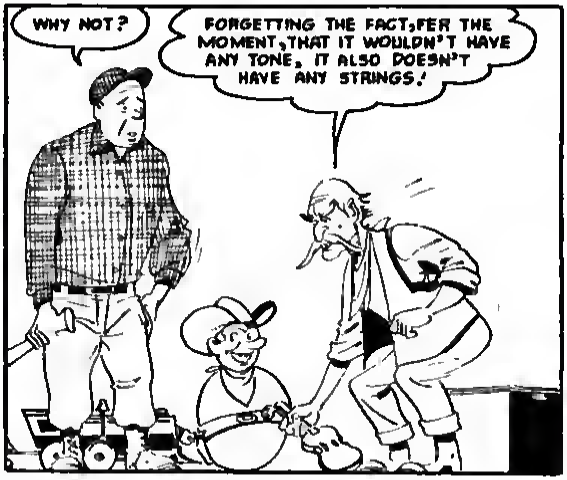
(GULP!) I MISSED!
THE STUMP, BUT NOT MY VIOLIN!

YUH IDIOT! YUH FOOL! YUH RUINED ME! I PROMISED TO GIVE THE FOLKS A CONCERT IN TOWN HALL, AND NOW I DON'T HAVE ANY FIDDLE TO FIDDLE ON!
DON'T GET EXCITED! MUH COUSIN HAS A VIOLIN I CAN BORROW FER YUH!

THEN LET'S GET GOING! THE CONCERT'S SCHEDULED TO START IN AN HOUR AND I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT MUH FANS!
WELL, THINK OF YORE FANS AND KEEP COOL! I'LL HAVE THE VIOLIN FER YUH IN A FEW MINUTES! MUH COUSIN LIVES JUST A FEW FEET FROM HYAR!


SHORTLY AFTER....
WHERE'D YUH TAKE ME? THIS IS A BABY'S ROOM!
I KNOW IT!

THERE'S THE FIDDLE!
BUT THAT'S JUST AN IRON TOY! YUH DON'T EXPECT ME TO GIVE A CONCERT ON THAT?

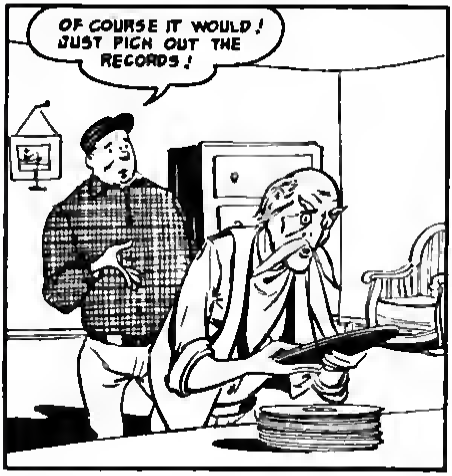

WHY NOT?
FORGETTING THE FACT, FER THE MOMENT, THAT IT WOULDN'T HAVE ANY TONE, IT ALSO DOESN'T HAVE ANY STRINGS!

I CAN FIX THAT! I'VE GOT SOME STRINGS HYAR!
NOT THAT KIND OF STRINGS, DUNDERHEAD! VIOLIN STRINGS ARE MADE OUT OF CAT GUT!

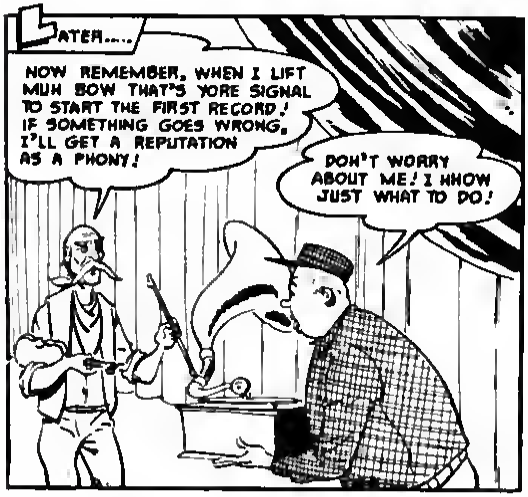
I CAN FIX THAT, TOO!
HOLD OH, YUH FOOL! ONLY AN EXPERT COULD MAKE A VIOLIN STRING! YUH BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE, FAST!

WAIT A SECOND! THAT PHONOGRAPH GIVES ME AN IDEA!

IF YUH'D PRETEND TO PLAY THIS VIOLIN ON THE STAGE, I COULD RUN THE PHONOGRAPH IN BACK AND THE FOLKS WOULD THINK IT WAS YUH PLAYING!
DO YUH THINK THAT WOULD WORK?


OF COURSE IT WOULD! JUST PICK OUT THE RECORDS!

HYAR ARE THREE VIOLIN SOLOS THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
YUH CARRY THEM! I'LL TAKE THE PHONOGRAPH AND MEET YUH AT THE TOWN HALL! I'VE GOT ONE STOP TO MAKE FIRST!


LATER....
NOW REMEMBER, WHEN I LIFT MUH BOW THAT'S YORE SIGNAL TO START THE FIRST RECORD! IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, I'LL GET A REPUTATION AS A PHONY!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO!

IT'S MUH FAULT THE POOR FIDDLER IS IN THIS POSITION! THE LEAST I COULD DO IS TRY TO MAKE IT UP TO HIM SO I BOUGHT THIS NEW RECORD FER HIM!

IT SHOULD BE BETTER THAN THOSE VIOLIN SOLOS HE PICKED OUT!
POP GOES THE WEASEL
VIOLIN WITH FULL ORCHESTRA

THERE'S THE SIGNAL! I'LL START THE PHONOGRAPH!

BUT AS THE MUSIC STARTS.....
FAKE!
PHONY!

IDIOT! DOLT! NUMBSKULL! YUH RUINED ME! I NEVER GAVE YUH THAT RECORD!
I KNOW! I BOUGHT IT SPECIAL FER YUH! WHY SHOULD THAT HAVE RUINED YUH?
EXIT

BECAUSE THERE'S NO ORCHESTRA PLAYING WITH ME HYAR AND THERE'S ONE ON THE RECORD!
(GULP!) I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! MUH BRAIN MUST HAVE BEEN ASLEEP!

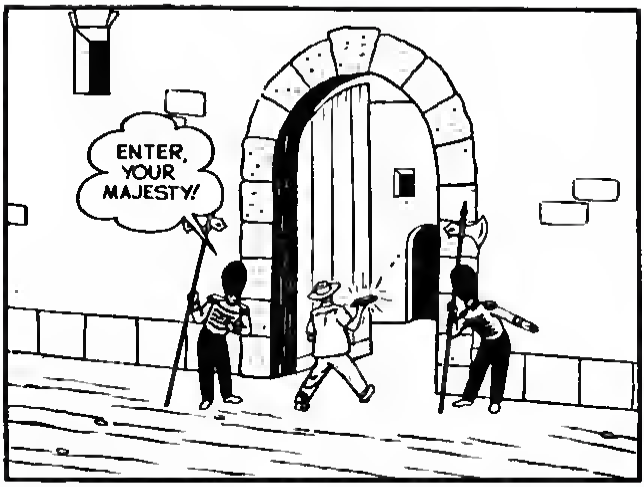
WELL, HYAR'S SOMETHING TO WAKE IT UP!
UGH!
CONK!

THE MARVEL FAMILY —and— THE MIRACLE STONE

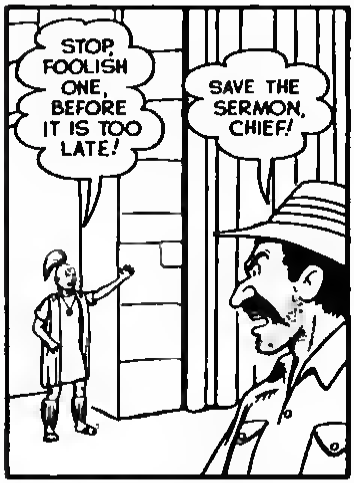
CHAPTER THREE

THE MIRACLE OF THE MARVELS

TURNED TO LIFELESS STONE, BILLY AND MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN HAVE THEIR LIPS UTTERLY SEALED, UNABLE TO SPEAK THE MAGIC WORDS THAT CHANGE THEM INTO THE MARVEL FAMILY!

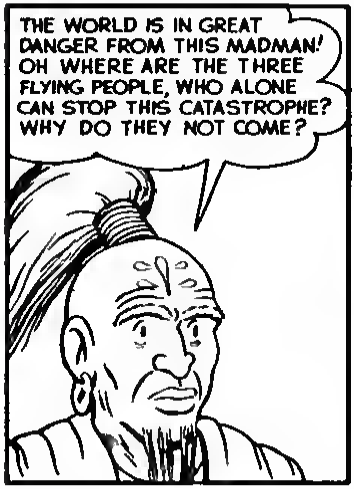

ENTER, YOUR MAJESTY!

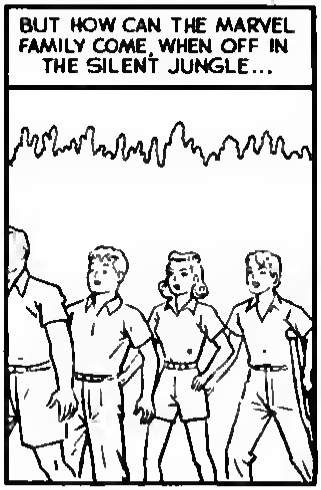
SOON I WILL BECOME THE **KING OF EARTH!** THE MIRACLE STONE WILL EASILY DO IT FOR ME, STEP BY STEP!


STOP, FOOLISH ONE, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
SAVE THE SERMON, CHIEF!

YOU WILL NEVER RULE EARTH!
OH, YES, I WILL! THE MIRACLE STONE WILL HELP ME CONQUER THE WORLD! AND I'VE JUST HAD A GREAT IDEA, CHIEF---**LET YOUR TRIBE BECOME MY FIRST ARMY!**

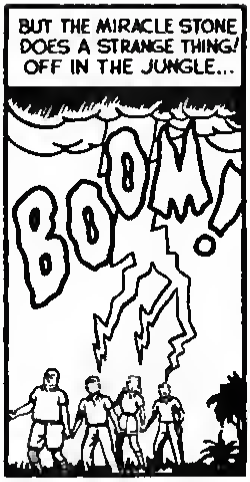
THERE! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, CHIEF? YOUR OWN MEN WILL HELP ME WIN!


THE WORLD IS IN GREAT DANGER FROM THIS MADMAN! OH WHERE ARE THE THREE FLYING PEOPLE, WHO ALONE CAN STOP THIS CATASTROPHE? WHY DO THEY NOT COME?

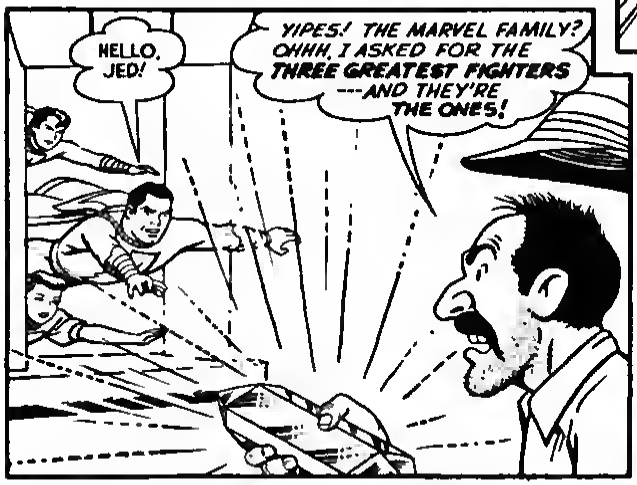

BUT HOW CAN THE MARVEL FAMILY COME, WHEN OFF IN THE SILENT JUNGLE...

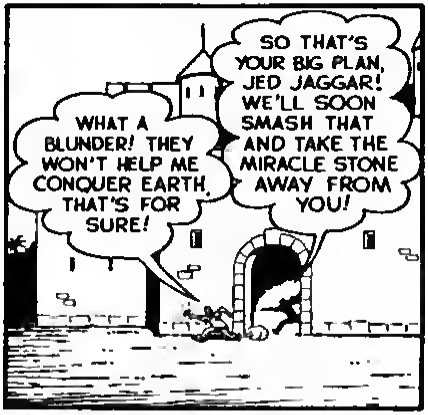
JED JAGGAR HAS THINGS ALL HIS OWN WAY AND MAKES FURTHER PLANS!
UH---CONQUERING THE WORLD IS A BIG JOB! I'LL NEED THE HELP OF MILITARY MINDS! MIRACLE STONE! BRING ME THE **THREE GREATEST WARRIORS** OF ALL TIME!

I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY'LL BE EXACTLY! GENGHIS KHAN? NAPOLEON? CAESAR? ANYWAY, THEY'LL BE THE THREE GREATEST FIGHTERS EVER KNOWN! THEY'LL HELP ME LICK THE WORLD!

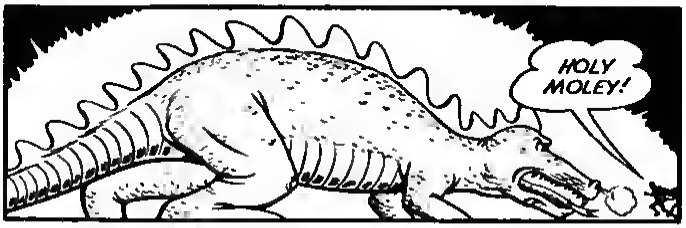

BUT THE MIRACLE STONE DOES A STRANGE THING! OFF IN THE JUNGLE...
BOOM!

...MAGIC LIGHTNING ONCE MORE BRINGS FORTH THE MARVEL FAMILY---BY A MIRACLE!
HOLY MOLEY! A STRANGE FORCE HAS GRIPPED US!
IT'S DRAWING US SOMEWHERE!


HELLO, JED!
YIPES! THE MARVEL FAMILY? OHHH, I ASKED FOR THE THREE GREATEST FIGHTERS ---AND THEY'RE THE ONES!


WHAT A BLUNDER! THEY WON'T HELP ME CONQUER EARTH, THAT'S FOR SURE!
SO THAT'S YOUR BIG PLAN, JED JAGGAR! WE'LL SOON SMASH THAT AND TAKE THE MIRACLE STONE AWAY FROM YOU!

WAIT! WHAT AM I RUNNING FOR, LIKE A SCARED RABBIT? I'VE GOT THE POWER TO SIDETRACK THEM EASILY! GIANT DRAGON APPEAR!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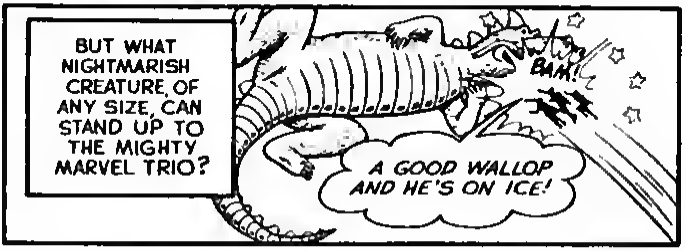
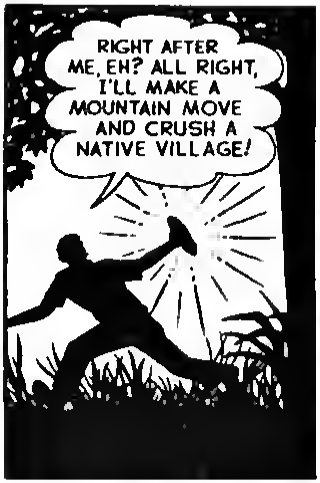
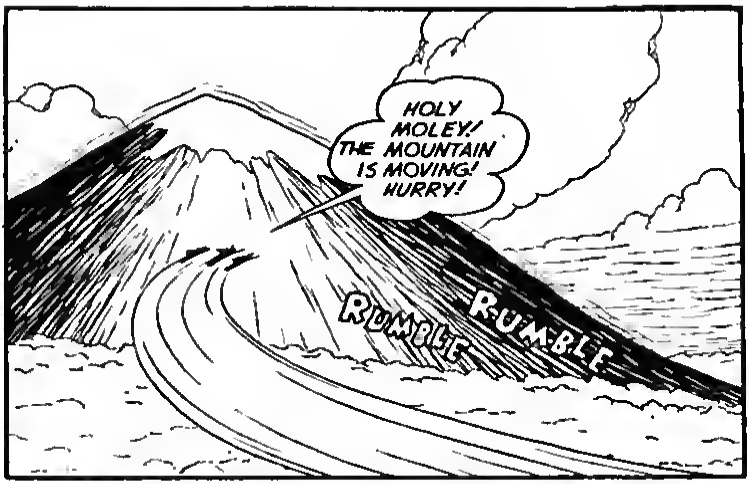
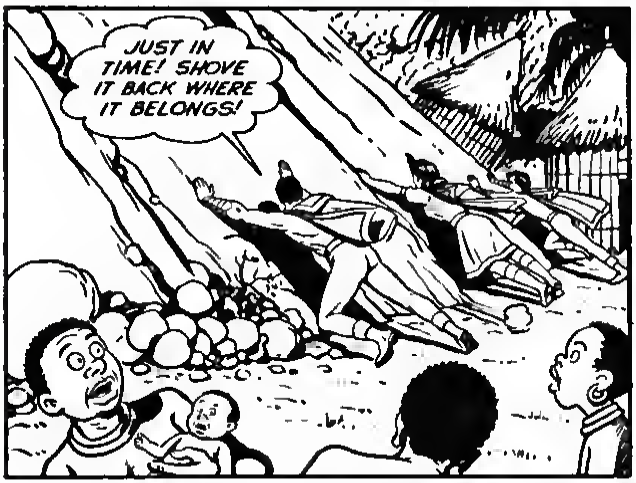
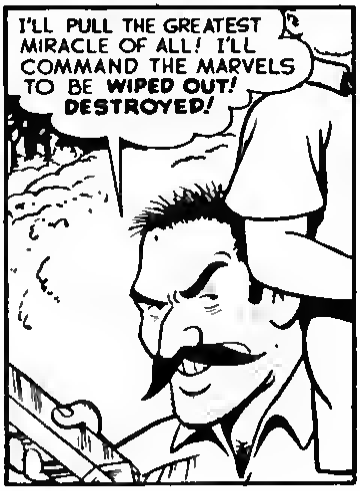

BUT WHAT NIGHTMARISH CREATURE, OF ANY SIZE, CAN STAND UP TO THE MIGHTY MARVEL TRIO?
BAM!
A GOOD WALLOP AND HE'S ON ICE!





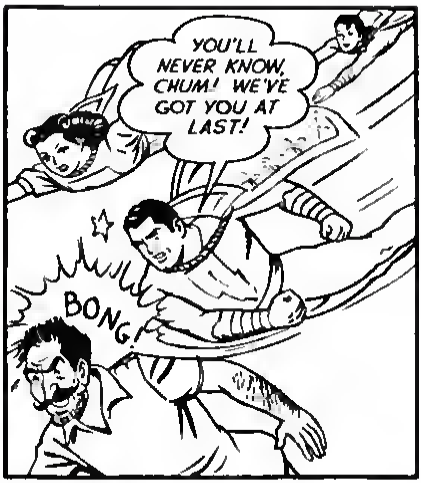




THE UNIVERSE SEEMS TO HOLD ITS BREATH AT THIS GRAVE MOMENT! NO MIRACLE HAS YET BEEN BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE MIRACLE STONE! WILL JED JAGGAR'S MAD COMMAND SEND THE FAMED MARVEL FAMILY INTO **OBLIVION?**

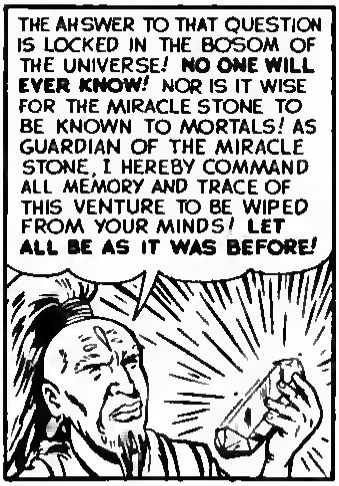
MIRACLE STONE! I COMMAND YOU TO DESTROY THE MARVEL.... UGGGG!

OMIGOSH! THE MIRACLE STONE··· WHERE IS IT?


YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, CHUM! WE'VE GOT YOU AT LAST!
BONG!

BY THE WAY, WHAT DID HAPPEN TO THE MIRACLE STONE?
I PICKED IT UP! NOW I COMMAND ALL THE PREVIOUS MIRACLES TO BE UNDONE!

MR. MORRIS CAME TO LIFE AGAIN! WAIT'LL WE TELL HIM HOW HE SAVED US···AS A STONE FIGURE!
THAT REMINDS ME! O CHIEF, TELL US! WOULD THE MIRACLE STONE HAVE REALLY DESTROYED US? GOSH, WE'VE GOT TO KNOW!

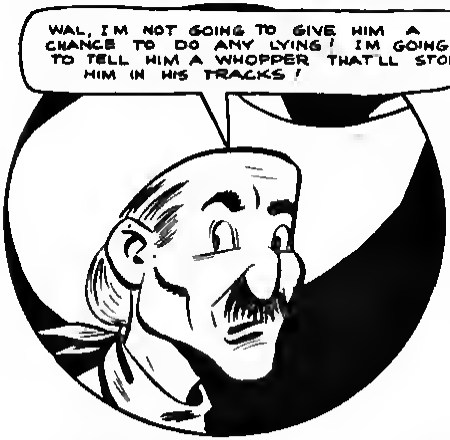

THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS LOCKED IN THE BOSOM OF THE UNIVERSE! NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW! NOR IS IT WISE FOR THE MIRACLE STONE TO BE KNOWN TO MORTALS! AS GUARDIAN OF THE MIRACLE STONE, I HEREBY COMMAND ALL MEMORY AND TRACE OF THIS VENTURE TO BE WIPED FROM YOUR MINDS! LET ALL BE AS IT WAS BEFORE!

INTERESTING OLD BOOK, MR. MORRIS! BUT LOOK, THERE SEEMS TO BE A PAGE MISSING!
EH? THAT'S ODD! I THOUGHT THERE WAS A MAP ON THAT PAGE!

OH WELL, THAT STORY ABOUT A MIRACLE STONE IS ONLY A SILLY OLD LEGEND ANYWAY!
SURE! THINGS LIKE MIRACLE STONES DON'T EXIST! WHO'S FOR PING PONG?

BUFFALO BULL

"THE GREAT EXAGGERATER!"



YUP! IT SHORE WAS A FEROCIOUS BEAST AND IT CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER TO ME! BARING ITS BIG HUNGRY TEETH ALL THE WHILE!
CRESPERS! WHAT HAPPENED?

I WAITED TILL HE WAS ALMOST ON TOP OF ME! THEN WITH GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND, I THREW A BUCKET OF WATER IN ITS FACE AND IT SLUNK AWAY!

FRIENDS, THAT STORY IS TRUE!
NUH?
WHAT! YUH SAY IT'S TRUE?

YEP! EVERY WORD OF IT! I CAN VOUCH FER IT!
YUH CAN VOUCH FER BICK'S STORY?
THAT'S RIGHT, FRIENDS! A FEW MINUTES AFTER BICK THREW THAT PAIL OF WATER IN THE MOUNTAIN LION'S FACE, I CAME RIDING BY IN THE HILLS!

I MET THIS SAME MOUNTAIN LION, AND AS IS MY USUAL CUSTOM WITH PETS, I STOPPED TO STROKE HIS WHISKERS! BOYS ---

---THOSE WHISKERS WERE STILL WET!
GASP!

HA, HA, THAT'S TERRIFIC!
HA, HA, AND YUH THOUGHT YUH WERE GOING TO OUT DO BUFFALO BULL, BICK!
I RECKON BUFFALO BULL IS TOPS!

LISTEN, BUFFALO BULL, YO'RE JEST THE NOMBRE WHO CAN DO A BIG FAVOR FER ME!
I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YUH IF I CAN, LAD! WHAT'S ON YORE MIND?

I'D LIKE YUH TO GO TO MY GAL'S HOUSE WITH ME! YUH SEE, I WANT TO MAKE A BIG HIT WITH HER FOLKS AND I'D LIKE TO IMPRESS THEM!
YUH WANT TO IMPRESS THEM?

YEP! SO WHATEVER THEY ASK ME AND I TELL THEM, I WANT YUH TO EXAGGERATE! YO'RE GREAT AT PUTTING IT ON THICK, SO I KNOW YUH CAN DO A GOOD JOB!
YUH SAID IT, LAD! DON'T WORRY, I'LL EXAGGERATE EVERYTHING! I'LL REALLY MAKE IT DOUBLE AND THEN SOME!

SHORTLY LATER---
ER, ER, I WANT YUH ALL TUN KNOW I'M POWERFUL FOND OF DAISYBELLE!
FOND? LISTEN, FOLKS---

---HE'S PLUMB LOCO 'BOUT HER!
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON BUFFALO BULL TO HELP ME OUT!

MY BOY, ARE YUH SNORE YUH CAN GIVE MY DAUGHTER THE LUXURIES SHE'S ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING?
ER, I'M PRETTY SHORE I CAN!

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